



Northumberland

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Date: 27 August 2024

Dear Mrs Saunders

Wildlife and Countryside Act, 1981 **Review of the Definitive Map and Statement of Public Rights of Way** **Informal pre-order consultation**

I am writing to consult you informally, at the pre-order stage, regarding one or more proposals, arising from formal applications submitted by third parties or evidence discovered by the Council, to modify the Definitive Map and Statement.

The process of determining such matters involves the County Council gathering and evaluating evidence from all interested parties (Parish Councils, owners / occupiers of the land and local representatives of the relevant national and regional path user groups) to establish whether or not public rights of way have been reasonably alleged to exist.

- I would, therefore, welcome any facts or evidence that your Council wishes the County Council to consider, in support and / or rebuttal of the proposed modification(s), identified on the attached schedule.

It is expected that these matters will begin to be considered by Northumberland County Council's Rights of Way Committee at its meetings during 2025, so it would be helpful if any information you wish to be considered could be in my hands no later than Saturday 30th November 2024. Please note, we are *not* asking the Parish Councils to take sides in these matters. The Parish Council may have conflicting pieces evidence which, on the one hand appear to support and, on the other, appear to oppose the proposal. This is absolutely fine, and not at all unusual - we want all of it. We are trying to gather as much evidence as possible to enable us to determine these matters as fairly and as accurately as possible.

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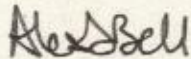
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- On the accompanying schedule is a list of those 'known' owners and occupiers of land affected. If you are aware of anyone I have missed, it would be extremely helpful if you could let me know their name(s) and (if known) address(es).

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss this matter further before responding. If it is easier for you, an emailed reply would be perfectly acceptable.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alex Bell". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Alex Bell
Definitive Map Officer
Infrastructure Records

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Bardon Mill Bridleway No 64

[Plan 10]

To upgrade part of existing Public Footpath No 7, from a point marked F on the U7060 road at West End Town, Thorngrifton, in a northerly direction for a distance of 380 metres, to a point marked G, then in a general westerly direction along existing Public Footpath No 9 for a distance of 460 metres, to join the C312 road at Birkshaw House.

This proposal arises from an application made by Barbara Herd of the British Horse Society and is supported by documentary evidence (primarily the Thorngrifton Inclosure Award 1797, Greenwood's County Map of 1828, the Tithe Award (1844), OS Maps from 1866, 1867, 1896, 1897, 1898, 1907, 1924, 1925, 1947, 1964, the Book of Reference accompanying the First Edition OS Map, the Finance Act 1910 plan, a Ministry of Transport Map 1922 and a satellite view).

N Harding of West End Town Farm, AW Harding of The Hott, The National Trust, J Brown of The Bastle House and DJ Watson & CE Prince-Watson of Birkshaw House are the only possible landowners / occupiers consulted by me at this stage.

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Bavington, Birtley & Chollerton Restricted Byways Nos 40, 30 and 49 [Plan 11]

To add a restricted byway from a point marked J on the C210 road, south of Cranberry Moss, in a northerly direction for a distance of 100 metres to a point marked K, at the Chollerton – Bavington parish boundary, at the Dry Burn, then continuing in a northerly direction through Cranberry Moss for a distance of 710 metres to a point marked L at the Bavington – Birtley parish boundary at the Reed Sike, then continuing in a north-westerly direction for a distance of 410 metres, to a point marked M on existing Footpath No 5 (Birtley), at Whitehouse Farm.

This proposal arises from an application made by S Briggs of the British Horse Society and is supported by documentary evidence (primarily Greenwood's County Map of 1828, OS Maps from the 1860s, 1890s, 1920s, 1947 and the 1950s, the Finance Act 1910 plan, a Sale Plan for Whitehouse Farm from 1953 and some site photos).

J Sinton of Whitehouse Farm, A Sinton of Whitehouse Bungalow, James Jones & Sons Ltd of Falkirk, and J Murphy of Colt Crag Farm are the only possible landowners / occupiers consulted by me at this stage.



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— | — | — Alleged Public Bridleway

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Former District(s):
Tynedale

Parish(es):
Bardon Mill

Scale:
1:2500

Def. Map No.:
193

O.S. Map:
NY 76 NE

Date:
June 2024